

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, one violent crime is committed in North Carolina every 13 minutes and 3 seconds according to the Annual Summary Report of 2005 Uniform Crime Reporting Data - North Carolina Department of Justice - State Bureau of Investigation; and

WHEREAS, in 2005 there were 582 homicides with 70 of those being domestic violence homicides and 2,265 rapes in North Carolina according to the Annual Summary Report of 2005, North Carolina Department of Justice - State Bureau of Investigation and the North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence; and

WHEREAS, there were a total of 40,265 violent crimes committed in North Carolina in 2005 according to the Annual Summary Report of 2005 Uniform Crime Reporting Data - North Carolina Department of Justice - State Bureau of Investigation; and

WHEREAS, victims of crime across North Carolina need and deserve support and assistance to help them cope with the consequences of crime; and

WHEREAS, National Crime Victims' Rights Week - April 22-28, 2007 - offers us all the opportunity to promote strength in unity in helping victims and survivors of crime, and recognizing their rights as victims; and

WHEREAS, victims and survivors of crime can gain strength from the wide range of supportive services offered by community- and justice system-based programs in North Carolina, including 75 rape crisis centers and 102 domestic violence service programs according to the NC Council for Women/Domestic Violence Commission; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina has demonstrated its caring and compassion for victims of crime, from individuals who provide support to a victim in need, to community collaborations that result in comprehensive services for victims of violence against men, women and children; and

WHEREAS, by being united against crime and for victims' rights and services, we gain strength as individuals, as communities, and as a state as a whole, and offer strength to victims who seek to recover in the aftermath of crime; and

WHEREAS, we must remain united in our commitment to ensure that all crime victims and survivors are treated with compassion and respect, recognized as key participants within our systems of justice, and afforded services that provide help and hope to them; and

WHEREAS, America has joined together annually each April since 1981 to recognize the needs and rights of crime victims and survivors during National Crime Victims' Rights Week;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the state of North Carolina do hereby proclaim April 22-28, 2007, to be "CRIME VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK" in North Carolina, and I urge all citizens to seek justice for all victims of crime.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh, this 15th day of March in the year of our Lord two thousand and seven, and of the Independence of the United States the hundred and thirty-first.